

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Patricia A. Jones, who passed away
5 on December 2, 2001; she was the beloved wife of Illinois
6 Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Patricia A. Sterling Jones was born in New
8 Orleans on August 9, 1938, the third of 11 children of Leon
9 and Lucille Sterling; she was educated in the Catholic school
10 system in New Orleans, where she became a teacher; and

11 WHEREAS, Patricia Sterling and Emil Jones, Jr. met during
12 a chance encounter at a Chicago restaurant and were married
13 on December 14, 1974; Mrs. Jones served as a partner in her
14 husband's public life as well as in his private life, helping
15 him build coalitions in communities and advising him on key
16 decisions; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones attended Loyola University in Chicago
18 and graduated from Chicago State University; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was employed at the City of Chicago
20 Department of Human Services as a coordinator for the Title
21 20 program, which included preschool and Head Start programs;
22 she also taught in the preschool program at the YMCA in
23 Chicago; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones served as the school board president
25 at Holy Name of Mary Catholic School in Morgan Park; she was
26 active in her church, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in
27 Morgan Park, where she was a former member of the Ladies
28 Guild and an active member of the Pastoral Ministers of Care;
29 in addition, she was a member of the AKA Sorority and a board
30 member of the Beverly Arts Center; and

31 WHEREAS, The passing of Patricia A. Jones will be deeply

1 felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her husband of
2 nearly 26 years, Illinois Senate Democratic Leader Emil
3 Jones, Jr.; her sons, Jon Sterling and Emil Jones III; her
4 nephew, Emil Alvarez Jones, whom she raised; her
5 stepdaughters, Renee Jones Rose and Debra Jones; her
6 brothers, Leon Sterling, Sr., Charles Sterling, Sr., Michelle
7 Sterling, and Andre Sterling; her sisters, Nona Honore,
8 Lucille Williams, and Maria Stevenson; and her grandchildren,
9 Jonathan and Alexandra Sterling; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn, along with all who knew her, the death of Patricia
13 A. Jones of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Patricia A. Jones with our sincere
16 condolences.